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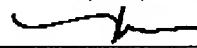
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This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 14, 2006, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on May 14, 2006, and to the Advisory Action mailed April 27, 2006. As indicated on the Fax Transmission Cover Letter, Applicants petition herewith for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period of response to June 14, 2006.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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